

**YORK AREA UNITED FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 16, 2019
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at YAUFR Headquarters, 50 Commons Drive, York, PA 17402.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Austin Hunt, Chairman
Justin Tomevi, Vice Chairman
George Dvoryak, Treasurer
Dave Brosend, Manchester Township

MEMBERS NOT

IN ATTENDANCE: Cara Beth Zortman, Spring Garden Township
Dan Rooney, Secretary
Lisa Wingert, Manchester Township

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Dan Hoff, Chief
Steve Hovis, Solicitor
Jay VanPelt, YAUFR
Matt Arnold, YAUFR
Paul Grubbs, YAUFR
Jean Abreght, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Opening Ceremony

1. Pledge of Allegiance

HUNT Chairman Hunt called the July YAUFR meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Swearing in Ceremony

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that the Oath would be given to the following:
Adam Potter, Probationary Firefighter; Andrew Pennington, Firefighter; Gerald Stroble, Captain; and Stephen Vrable, Captain.

HUNT Chairman Hunt provided the Oath to each of them.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

HUNT Chairman Hunt announced that an Executive Session had been held following the last Commission meeting to review contract negotiations. An Executive Session will be held immediately following adjournment this date.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis stated he had nothing to report.

HUNT Chairman Hunt noticed a lot of fireworks activity. He asked if any of the municipalities regret their decision.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis responded that there is an attempt to Appeal or Amend the standard. Solicitor Hovis was aware of one municipality that cited one person.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned whether there are any other states from which to learn.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis indicated he did not know that any of the novelty had gone away.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that the Pennsylvania State Career Chief's Association has been lobbying to get it changed. He sent correspondence to the local state representatives asking them to support legislation being introduced to change the law and he received a response from Christine Phillips Hill.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff presented an update on recent fires fought as the Firefighters have been pretty busy. They fought the following fires: Four row homes in Red Lion; an apartment fire in Village East; a house fire in Spring Garden Township on Country Club Road; a dust collector fire in Manchester Township; cookies on fire at Stauffer Biscuits; and a car fire on Mt. Rose Avenue.

Chief Hoff updated the Commission on the accident vehicle and working through the normal insurance process. They are expecting a check for the portable equipment that was damaged. The 2017 vehicle had just been paid off, and as soon as the title is received that will be finalized with the insurance company. Unfortunately, as far as replacement, because it is an emergency services package, an order for one will take between five and six months to receive. Chief Hoff noted that he will review all the options and report back at the August meeting.

Chief Hoff hoped to schedule another date for the Commission to get together at the Fire School. He will send some date options by email.

HUNT Chairman Hunt encouraged the Commissioners to attend if at all possible as the guys really love what they do, and it is an opportunity for them to show off.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- A. Payable Listing as of June 30, 2019

**MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WITH THE
CONDITION OF HAVING CHIEF INVESTIGATE THE NET INCOME FIGURES.
MR. DVORYAK WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none for action.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no Commissioner communications.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Volunteer Committee

GRUBB Paul Grubbs stated that he had nothing to report. Their next meeting is July 17, 2019.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

- A. 2019 – 02 Disposition of Records

HOFF Chief Hoff reported that the records had not been disposed of for some time, and the space is needed.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis noted that there is a Document Retention Policy that is consistent with Pennsylvania's Museum Commission Rules and Regulations. There is a retention period. After passing over the retention period; destruction of public documents is done by authorization of a Resolution.

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-02 DISPOSITION OF
RECORDS. MR. TOMEVI WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes – June 18, 2019 – Fire Commission Meeting

**MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO APPROVE JUNE 28, 2019 MINUTES. MR. DVORYAK
WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion – Amending Charter Agreement – Membership

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- HUNT** Chairman Hunt brought forward the discussion concerning amending the Charter Agreement to allow townships to appoint citizens to the board. He asked for comments.
- DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak responded that it was discussed by the Springettsbury Supervisors and there was no support.
- BROSEND** Mr. Brosend responded that he brought it up to the Manchester board, and initially there was no interest. However, after discussion a question was what would be wrong with a former board member as a Commissioner.
- HOVIS** Solicitor Hovis noted that the Charter Agreement spells it out, but there is intergovernmental cooperation. He stated that there are some regional departments that have one representative.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt commented that it is difficult to come in to a single meeting and know the flow and the issues. Fire is different than most of the non-profits. He voiced his concern about board engagement.
- DVORYAK** Mr. Dvoryak commented that Chairman Hunt had given the matter much thought. He questioned whether there would be other ways to address his concerns, other thoughts or ideas.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt responded that it was his constitutional thinking. He was not trying to undermine the individual townships' authority but rather attempting to open up the opportunity for a township, if there were an engaged citizen who would represent their interest, that they should have the opportunity. The townships have the ultimate authority and would not lose any control.
- TOMEVI** Mr. Tomevi suggested that there might be some interest drawn at one of the township's earlier meetings to express thoughts. A YAUFR representative is at all the Springettsbury board meetings.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt commented that he had noted that few of the current alternates had participated, even out of curiosity.
- TOMEVI** Mr. Tomevi mentioned that Mr. Wurster had attended a meeting.
- BROSEND** Mr. Brosend added that Mr. Inch might have been at one meeting.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff noted that Mr. Thomas from Spring Garden had attended at least one. In general it has been by invitation when he indicated the alternates were needed. If a board member were going to miss, proactively it would be good to make sure the alternate would be present. With that level of commitment by the alternate that might be of some assistance.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt expressed his concern for long-term engagement.

12. NEW BUSINESS

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There was no New Business.

13. ADJOURNMENT

HUNT Chairman Hunt reminded the board of an Executive Session to be held immediately following adjournment. He adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFR Headquarters

Dan Rooney
Secretary

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